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USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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ROME FOR FODAG

USEC FOR MARTIN
OTTAWA FOR HIGGINS

EO 11652: NA
SUBJECT: US AIRLIFT MAURITANIA-SITREP MULTINATION PARTICIPATION,
FUEL SITUATION

REF: STATE 194157

1. FRENCH. SINGLE NORD ATLAS WILL CONTINUE OPERATE FROM NOUAKCHOTT. THIS AIRCRAFT IS FLYING ONE MISSION TO NEMA EACH DAY CARRYING 2.9 LONG TONS.

2. GERMAN. ACCORDING FRG CHARGE, MINFONAFFAIRS IN BONN HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DESPATCH ONE C-160 TO RESUME AIRLIFT, ETA OCTOBER 10. FORMAL APPROVAL FRG MINISTRY DEFENSE NOT YET NOTIFIED HERE. FRG EMBASSY ASKED FOR FIFTEEN DAY TOUR FOR C-160, WITH FURTHER C-160 TO FOLLOW-ON FOR FURTHER FIFTEEN DAYS.

3. LIBYA. GOL C-130 WILL DEPART OCT 5. LIBYAN AMB STATES HE UNAWARE TRIPOLI'S INTENTIONS WHETHER REPLACE OR NOT. ADVISED HIM THERE COULD BE FUEL SHORTAGE IF MORE THAN ONE C-130 AND ONE C-160 COMPETING FOR JET FUEL HERE OVER PROLONGED PERIOD. MINISTER HEALTH TOLD ME OCT 1 THAT WHILE IT POSSIBLE LIBYAN AIRLIFT WILL BE RESUMED WITH FURTHER AIRCRAFT AFTER OCT 5, HE UNLIKELY HAVE ADVANCE WARNING.

4. POSSIBLE USE USAF C-47. CANCEL ANY PLANNING FOR THIS AIRCRAFT. (STATE 188893). TRUCKS CAN NOW MANAGE SHUTTLE AIOUN-NEMA.

5. JET FUEL IN NOUAKCHOTT. AS OF OCT 1 GIRM AND MOBIL REP CONFIRM 400,000 LITERS HAVE ARRIVED NOUAKCHOTT AND CERTIFICATION FOR USE EXPECTED MOMENTARILY.

6. OUR ESTIMATE JET FUEL DEMAND. WE UNDERSTAND LIBYAN C-130 CONSUMES 18,000 LITERS PER DAY OPERATING TWO MISSIONS FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO AIOUN. ASSUMING FRG C-160 WOULD USE ABOUT 12,000 LITERS PER DAY FLYING PARALLEL MISSIONS, TOTAL CONSUMPTION UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR 30 DAYS CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS FOR ONE C-130 AND ONE C-160 WOULD BE 900,000 LITERS. (FRG EMBASSY HAS NO RECORDS OF CONSUMPTION DURING SEPTEMBER FLIGHTS BY ITS C-160S.) ONLY OTHER CONSUMER JET FUEL IS AIR ALGERIE WEEKLY FLIGHT REQUIRING C. 25,000 LITERS PER WEEK.

7. NOUAKCHOTT STORAGE FACILITIES FOR JET FUEL CONSIST OF 470,000 LITERS AT PORT AND 100,000 LITERS AT AIRPORT. FUEL

IS TANKERED FROM DAKAR BY SHIP CARRYING 350,000 LITERS.
WE ARE ASKING EMBASSY DAKAR CONFIRM WITH MOBIL HEADQUARTERS
MAXIMUM ATTAINABLE MONTHLY DELIVERIES BY SEA AND LAND.

8. COMMENT. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TEL REPORTS MINISTER'S
REASONING FAVORING BASING USAF C-130 IN NOUAKCHOTT AND OUR
RECOMMENDATION IN SUPPORT.

9. ACTION REQUESTED. CONFIRM ABOVE CONSUMPTION ESTIMATES
FOR C-130 AND C-160. MURPHY

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